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Still Got Wood? Oh, Yeah . . .

by Piper Griff Editor-in-Chief
&
Jessica Montes NSUSGA

With the most incredible turn-out Got Wood has ever seen, Still Got Wood was more than just a mingling event. Looking at the packed audience and lis-

tening to all the yells and applause, one would honestly forget they were outside the Goodwin Dorms. The bonfire burned bright, but not quite as bright as the band, Big Sky. Maybe it was the energy of the audience, or the beat of the band, or possibly the fruity frozen drinks, whatever it was, it worked; SGA and CEC worked hard and it payed off - Still Got Wood 2000 was fun in the flames for everyone.

SGA decided to celebrate Still Got Wood (the third Got Wood) after realizing the importance of welcoming new and returning students to NSU. The Campus Entertainment Committee (CEC), headed by senior Jennifer White, takes pride in its hard work on running the event. "Since we are currently experiencing incredible development and interest in student involvement at NSU, 'Got Wood' was the perfect way to start the year. It's an event that make students excited and anxious about coming back to school," said Jen-



Fire anyone??? One of entertainers dances with a fire torch.

nifer White. She started organizing this event in May of 2000 and with the help of the entire Student Government Association pulled off an unforgettable night.

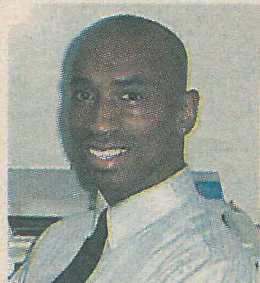
In the middle of the field outside of the Goodwin dorms a huge bonfire blazed. Still Got Wood had over 50 lit tiki torches, Polynesian dancers, Gainesville's own Big Sky band, a DJ, authentic Polynesian cuisine and frozen island beverages, a limbo contest, a prize to Key West, and T-shirt giveaways. But what really made the event something special was the amount of people who attended and especially those who participated. No, that does not include the few of you who could not resist the temptation of jumping on stage to sing at will.

Still Got Wood will be a hard act to follow. Let's hope the same enthusiasm and participation continues throughout the year.



Dancers mesmerize the audience as they perform one of the many entertaining acts of the night.

by Jonnie Bennett



I am the crime prevention/investigations coordinator for Nova Southeastern University's Public Safety Department. I

also act as the liaison for the residential halls and Public Safety.

Welcome Students, from Public Safety

The Nova Southeastern University's Public Safety Department is here to provide you with assistance, security information, and protection. The NSU Public Safety Department is open twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. We use patrol-

ling officers to observe and deter crimes on campus. Our 24-hour number is 262-8999. For general, non-emergency information you can call our office at 262-8981, Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 5:00pm. You can also access the Public Safety Department web page at www.nova.edu/cwis/pubsafety.

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A Lively Start to More Fun and Games

by Althea Mease
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Student Life kicked off a series of games with a Nova theme. Wednesday's event featured versions of three classic game shows from the '70s: Classic Concentration, Wheel of Fortune, and Card Shark. All students were welcome to play, and the winners received NovaBucks as prizes. The most popular games, Card Shark and Wheel of Fortune, will be continued over the next two months, with tournaments for the winners of each game.

Everyone is familiar with the popular game show "Wheel of Fortune," where contestants spin a giant colorful wheel to select a prize, then try and fill in blanks in a word or phrase correctly to win the prize. Nova's version, hosted by Tom Vitucci, featured a similar giant wheel, with Novabuck prizes and Nova-themed phrases. Even *The Knight's* own Associate Editor Peter Salerno won 200

NovaBucks by correctly guessing the phrase, "Thank God It's Friday."

"Card Shark" is a classic game that may not be quite so familiar to younger students. Two contestants face off answering questions about a survey. A host reads the question, the first contestant estimates the percentage involved, and the other contestant guesses whether the actual number is higher or lower than the estimate. If the second contestant is correct, he/she goes on to win further prizes using a set of oversized cards. Frank Majnerich hosted Nova's version of "Card Shark." To make this game Nova-themed, the questions centered around an informal survey of 100 Nova students. See the box to the right for selected questions used in the game on Wednesday, guaranteed to make one think twice about the "normal" students one passes in the hall.

The games were entertaining, but this is only the beginning. Many more students should attend future games of "Wheel of Fortune" and "Card Shark"

to claim their fair shares of the prizes. Card Sharks will be featured first, during the month of September. The games will be held near the Parker building each week on Thursday, starting September 14. The tournament for Card Sharks will be held the Thursday of Homecoming week. Wheel of Fortune will start the Thursday after the Card Sharks tournament, and will continue until its tournament is held

on November 2. Generous prizes will be awarded at the games. Watch for announcements from the Student Life office for specific details on times, locations, and prizes. For those who just cannot get enough of those classic game shows, Student Life is working on a series of similar events, starting in January after this series is completed.

Do you fit this profile?

8% have received more than one ticket from Novalert.

42% have passed a class at Nova without purchasing the textbook.

76% admitted to plagiarizing a paper at Nova.

65% would like to "hang out" in a social atmosphere with their professor.

34% admitted to having had a crush on a professor.

88% have or still do drink underage.

92% think the Flight Deck should serve beer all week.

(The people have spoken, the policy started September 1.)

84% have read an issue of *The Knight Newspaper*.

3% have contributed an article to *The Knight Newspaper*

OVERVIEW OF THE WELLNESS CENTER AND STAFF

MISSION STATEMENT

The basic goal of *The Wellness Center* is to promote wellness, advocate healthy lifestyle choices and to develop a favorable attitude toward the acquisition of knowledge and skills that will protect their health. The college student is at the age that is most known to be experimenting sexually, with alcohol and other drugs, and dealing with many other health related issues; the college student is in the process of establishing behavior and lifestyle patterns. The wellness strategy calls for educating students about health risk factors such as smoking, poor nutrition, drugs and alcohol, sexual behaviors, stress, and lack of exercise, the goal being to provide guidance and support in making more informed decisions about their health.

The Wellness Center serves as a "health service" for students. *The Wellness Center* provides student health and dental insurance in conjunction with a physician referral network, and a "self-care" center where students can obtain basic first aid supplies and over-the-counter medications. *The Wellness Center* believes that the promotion of mental health is equally important. Student Counseling services are coordinated through *The Wellness Center*.

Health promotion programs that support an active, health campus image can strengthen the marketing strategy for the recruitment and retention of students. Working together with other student oriented departments -- Residential Life, Student Life, Athletics, Campus Food Service, etc. -- the wellness strategy serves as an integral part of student services.

Safety for Students

from cover page

Located throughout the campus are blue light telephones. These telephones connect you directly with Public Safety for any questions or concerns you may have.

General Rules for Safety

To help keep you safe, remember the following rules:

- Keep residence and vehicle doors locked at all times.
- Always exercise, walk, or jog with a friend or partner.
- Be aware of unusual or suspicious persons or conditions.
- Always stay in well-lit areas on campus.
- Call Novalert at 262-8999 to report any unusual activity or crimes.
- Avoid giving strangers any information about yourself and do not meet strangers alone. Meet in a public place and bring a friend.

Tip: Protect Your Good Name From Bad People

Identity theft is on the rise so please take the necessary precautions to prevent becoming a victim. If your wallet or purse is ever stolen, and you feel as though someone has stolen your identity as well, call the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338 to file a report.

On behalf of Public Safety, have a safe school year!

Orientation: The Good, the Bad, the Limbo

by **Erika Diaz**
Staff Writer

Freshman are all very well acquainted with the necessary evil of which I will speak, the drudgery that lies therein, and... dare I say it... the Limbo. I am fully aware that for some of us, the limbo is a subject we would prefer not to touch upon. It is for me. However, many therapists would agree that the only way to purge oneself from a traumatic memory is to talk about it. I hope that this article will serve as a healing catharsis to all who lay emotionally scarred from Orientation. Shall we begin the treacherous journey through the bowels of the mind, into a memory that is hidden in the badlands of our psyche? We now enter into orientation.

Perhaps we recall arriving on campus, the endless maze of people and signs, all directing us somewhere else, and we go unwittingly, only to arrive and be redirected to our point of origin. Sweet disorganization, open your arms to us freshman, embrace us in your web of confusion, drown us in your frenzy!



Orientation students listening to information about different clubs at Nova.

We arrive at the designated nowhere in particular. Having been strategically plucked from our parents, we are herded as cattle through a line of forced smiles and blue bags which are never to be left behind, lest we be consumed by the monster who eats children lacking this protective accessory. In a flash we are in our rooms, searching desperately for the AC control. So hot, so very hot. (We are later informed it is hidden against a wall.) Classrooms, testing, tours, "Don't forget the blue bag." It's all so fast, so hot, so very hot and humid. Are any buildings air conditioned?

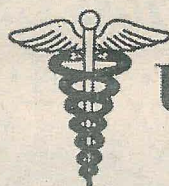
"Why didn't they tell us we had to take ID photos?" "My hair looks horrible!" "Oh God, I'm so fat!" the cries of frantic teenaged girls shrieking throughout the flight deck, the boys taking advantage of the free condoms from the Wellness Center. There really is nothing like testosterone in mass display. Mind you, Orientation in general was fun if you met the right people, but it was busy; hot and busy.

Having been sent through such a rigorous day, one would think we would be allowed time to rest. I'm afraid not. There was still a mandatory party to attend. Forced fun, how interesting. Even considering that the days events for Team 2 consisted of an off road golf cart ride in the rain with a driver who we believe was displaying classic signs of inebriation, no rest was in sight. We must have fun, we must laugh and dance and smile, and we MUST limbo.

The party itself was not all that bad. The horrid part came when the

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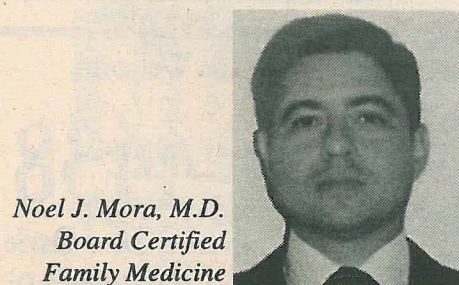
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The New and Improved Flight Deck

by Piper Griff
Editor in Chief

The Flight Deck has somehow done it again. After the much anticipated (and needed) Up All Night food program went over smoothly, the Deck has decided to take their customers another step. In conjunction with the new food program that was started late last year, the Flight Deck will now be serving beer and wine seven days a week. The new service is already up and running, for those of you 21 and up. The food program will be cooking up again in a few weeks.

The Flight Deck is open during the week from 10am until 12pm, and during the hours of 5pm and 11pm they will be serving beer and wine. On Saturday and Sunday the Deck is open from 10am-8pm, and will be serving alcohol from 1pm until 7pm. But, Saturdays are reserved for private parties – parties that any club or organization can arrange.

Of course, the Deck will continue with their traditional programs, like T.G.I.F and Monday Night Football, but it looks like customers will have a lot to look forward to where new programs are concerned, such as the new "Revenge of the Nerds" contest with a nerd laughing competition, tricycle races, poultry bowling, and naturally, a nerdy dress contest. In conjunction with the "Domestic Male" contest that will be held again this year after last year's great turn-out, the Deck will be hosting a "Miss Tina Tool" competi-

tion. On the last T.G.I.F before the undergrads take off for the holidays look for the "Macy's Day Parade" – yes in the Flight Deck.

The Flight Deck will continue with their dollar beers and wines all week, but for those picky drinkers, the Deck has added some more expensive beverages. Drinks for \$3, \$2, \$1 will now be sold, and the selection is about three times as large as last year's. You can even find six different flavored wine coolers. Stay tuned for some incredible specials they will be offering as well.

For those returning to the Flight Deck from last year, things have changed a bit. The Deck will no longer be using tickets for beer and wine. Instead you pay at the bar. Same goes for the wrist bands/hand stamps: get them at the bar when you prove you are of age. There will also be no more free water and soda, but the prices are going to stay low. There will still be that glorious free buffet for T.G.I.F and Monday Night Football.

The Flight Deck is really a treat on campus. How can you go wrong with free pool and ping-pong, quality food when the cafeteria is closed, and an entire staff with attitudes that make anyone feel welcome? Last week's T.G.I.F was quite a success. BETA did an awesome job with Singled-Out, but it would not have gone on, or had gone as smoothly, if it weren't for the Flight Deck staff. Support this service on campus. It is really here for you!

Orientation 2000

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leaders unveiled the "ore of shame." For all the men who did this, and trust me there were many, a word of warning: limbo leaves little of the male anatomy to the imagination, especially if you're the boy who decided to abandon undergarments and wear loose shorts. NOT pretty.



Students walking to the Parker building for orientation

N.A.T.U.R.E.

by Leyda Su Ham
Nature Vice President

Nova's Advancement Towards Understanding & Researching the Environment (NATURE) is NSU's award-winning environmental organization. Members organize and sponsor on-campus and community events that foster the protection of the environment. The organization's fundamental goals are to educate the campus on current environmental issues and to promote environmentally friendly activities.

Each semester, NATURE plans a plethora of events. One of the most well known events has been the environmentally-themed coffeehouse talks. Open to anyone, these coffeehouses offer a relaxing atmosphere where one can meet new people while enjoying the free food and drinks. Each coffeehouse includes a discussion on various environmental and other related issues. Previous year's discussions have included topics like gender issues as well as the environment. Other club activities are centered around Earth Day celebrations, campus and beach clean-ups, and blood drives.

Presently, the club consists of a small group of dedicated students who are looking for more environmentally concerned and active individuals. Club meetings are usually held twice a month. All inquiries should be directed to: NATURE@list.nova.edu.

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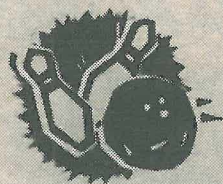
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The Flight Deck is Back and Better than ever this September! - Schedule of Events -

Friday, Sept. 1st

TGIF - Singled Out

Beta Theta Pi presents their own version of the hit T.V. show Singled Out! The fun begins at 5pm.

Monday, Sept. 4th

Labor Day - The Flight Deck will be open for your enjoyment.

First Monday Night Football of the Season!

Denver vs. St. Louis

Pre-game begins at 8pm, Kick-off is at 9pm.

Friday, Sept. 8th

TGIF - Comedian and Smile

CEC is sponsoring a comedian in conjunction with The Wellness Center's Program, Smile. Activities begin at 5pm.

Monday, Sept. 11th

Monday Night Football

New England vs NY Jets

Pre-game begins at 8pm, Kick-off is at 9pm.

Friday, Sept. 15th

TGIF - Karaoke

Come show off your singing talent at The Flight Deck.

The fun begins at 5pm.

Monday, Sept. 18th

Monday Night Football

Dallas vs Washington

Pre-game begins at 8pm, Kick-off is at 9pm.

Thursday, Sept. 21st

Intramural Bowling Begins

9pm-12am at AMF Bowling Lanes

Registration forms and more information can be picked up in The Flight Deck Office.

Friday, Sept. 22nd

TGIF - Revenge of the Nerds Comes to NSU

Nerd Alert! Dress in your nerdiest attire and come to The Flight Deck to participate in some great nerdy competitions for Novabucks! Activities begin at 5pm.

Monday, Sept. 25th

Monday Night Football

Jacksonville vs Indianapolis

Pre-game begins at 8pm, Kick-off is at 9pm.

Tuesday, Sept. 26th

Billiards 8-Ball Tournament

Registration Deadline

Registration forms and information can be picked up in The Flight Deck Office.

(Tournament Date is Tuesday, Oct. 3rd at 7pm)

Thursday, Sept. 28th

Intramural Bowling

9pm-12am at AMF Bowling Lanes

Friday, Sept. 29th

TGIF - 80's Dance

Come dance the night away at The Flight Deck to your favorite hits of the 80's!

5pm-10pm

Free buffet served throughout each Monday Night Football and each TGIF.

\$1.00 beverages are also available during these events for those of legal drinking age.

Don't Forget, every Wednesday at 6:30 is Buck Bingo!

\$1.00 gets you 4 bingo cards a soda and a candy bar.

Win Novabucks!

For more information on any of these events please contact The Flight Deck Office at 262-7288. We look forward to seeing you!

Our Mutual Covenants

by Dr. Norma M. Goonen
Dean, Farquhar Center

As we start this academic year, I wanted to reflect on our future together as a learning community and the relationship between you, our students, and us, the faculty, staff, and administration of the Farquhar Center. This is an excerpt from an address I gave at Welcome Night, August 27, 2000:



Being famous is a matter of perception. I bet you cannot recall, for the past five years, who won the Pulitzer prize, the Nobel prize, the Heisman Trophy, the Oscar for the Best Picture Award, or even the last five Vice Presidents of the United States. And these are not inconsequential honors. They are top achievers, *la crème de la crème* in their respective fields. However, I bet you would easily remember five people who have been kind to you, five friends who have helped you in a difficult time, three people you enjoy spending time with, and even a few teachers who have taught you something important, who have inspired you and challenged your intellect. The lesson here is that fame is relative, and heroes are personal. The people who really make a difference are not the ones in the headlines, but the ones who care about you.

And that's what I want to focus on. Because even though you are all different, you have different reasons for being here, and hail from an assortment of different cities and countries. You are now a part of Nova Southeastern University, and in particular, the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies. This is a place where students are individuals, not numbers. This is a place where the faculty, staff,

and administration care about you, our students. And because we care about you, we govern ourselves not just by rules and regulations, which are plentiful in every institution, but more importantly, by covenants. Covenants are promises you make to people you care for, and promises you make to yourself. Unlike rules and regulations that are imposed upon you, a promise is given freely because we care about you and want you to succeed. So I'd like to list ten promises that we make to you, our students, and perhaps in later articles I will expound upon them individually:

Number one: We promise to respect you as an individual, as we expect you to respect us. We promise to get to know you, and we hope you get to know us.

Number two: We promise to offer you an honest, good-all-around education. We will give you your money's worth in the academic arena. We'll be passionate about our respective disciplines and show you how important they are and how they can relate to you and to the world around us. We promise that when you walk across the stage at graduation, you'll have not just practical skills and knowledge about your chosen discipline, but also a true well-rounded education that lays the groundwork for lifelong learning.

Number three: We promise to challenge you. We won't baby you or water down the content of what we are teaching to go easy on you. We believe that you can reach higher if the expectations and standards from your professors are higher.

Number four: We promise to learn not only your names, but also your preferred mode of learning. Because we realize that people learn in different ways, we will try to incorporate your learning style in our teaching.

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Number six: We promise that we will show you how important critical thinking, reading, and writing are if you are to be successful – in any field. We will expect no less of you than the professional world will.

Number seven: We promise that we will give you help when you ask for it. If we cannot find the answer, we will try to refer you to someone who can.

Number eight: We promise to guide you as you shape your values and beliefs about important issues, without telling you what to believe. We will, however, help you distinguish between reliable and unreliable sources of information so that you can weigh the facts, arrive at your own informed opinions, and make intelligent decisions.

Number nine: We promise to let you know how you are doing – in time for necessary corrections. Help will be there for you, if you choose to take advantage of it.

Number ten: We promise to help you learn that helping others in your community is not only your duty, but also a privilege in itself. You will know that you are among the privileged few in the world who have received a higher education and can use it to help others. We will encourage you to acquire a lifelong habit of selfless service.

By these covenants, we become a teaching and learning community. We begin a year full of hopes and challenges. And you too must make promises to yourself – to do your level best, to get involved, to take responsibility for your own learning.

Learn About Greek Life at NSU

by Dan Grenier
Staff Writer

From August 28th until September 1st, students at NSU had a chance to learn the facts about Greek life at our school. Tables were set up outside the Parker Building where the different organizations promoted Greek life on campus. The organizations participating were Delta Phi Epsilon, Zeta Pi, Phi Sigma Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Theta Delta Chi, Beta Theta Pi, and Lambda Theta Phi. Everyone displayed items that dealt with their respective organizations, but the theme of the week was to "Go Greek!" Unfortunately, Greek life has been given an unfair stereotype. This week was the students' chance to find out what Greek life is all about. Joining a Greek organization may not be for every student, but if you were to ask the current members of a fraternity or sorority, I guarantee that they will tell you becoming a part of such a great group is the best decision they have made. The experience of being part of such a close group is virtually impossible to put into words. It can only be discovered.

A Greek luau was thrown on Monday, August 28th to show potential rushees the kind of fun that can be had amongst the Greeks. Rushees also had the opportunity to attend a Mar-

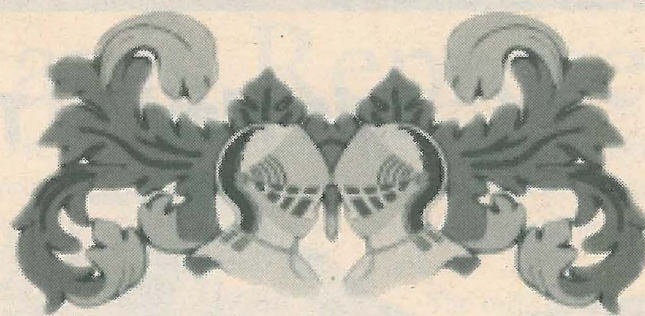
lins game on Tuesday, August 29th. A mandatory Information Session was held on Thursday, August 31st in which all potential rushees had to attend in order to be pledged the following week.

During the week of September 1st through September 8th, the individual organizations will be putting on their own events. The events are paid for by the fraternities and sororities, and the different schedules can be found around campus. During this time, students may be pledged by the organizations. The new pledges will then become brothers/sisters in the organization. A new chapter will begin in their life, one that undoubtedly will provide unforgettable memories. Your years in college should be a time that you can look back to and say, "That was one of the best times of my life." Though it may not be immediate, the bond you will make with your fellow students will be eternal. Your brothers/sisters are people who look out for you, and provide you with a feeling of togetherness that cannot be felt elsewhere. The experience of Greek life, even on a relatively small campus like NSU, is definitely a feeling that everyone should know. Becoming involved in school makes the college experience incredible. This is not an opportunity that you should miss out on.

Kappa Delta Pi

by Zoë Leal

The Kappa Delta Pi Chapter here at Nova Southeastern University has chosen new officers and will hold this year's first Chapter meeting on August 26th. Kappa Delta Pi is the national honor society for Education majors. I would like to publicly welcome those who are interested and eligible to apply. Please advise if you are interested. Feel free to e-mail or contact me at extension 2122. Sincerely, Zoë Leal Kappa Delta Pi, Chapter President



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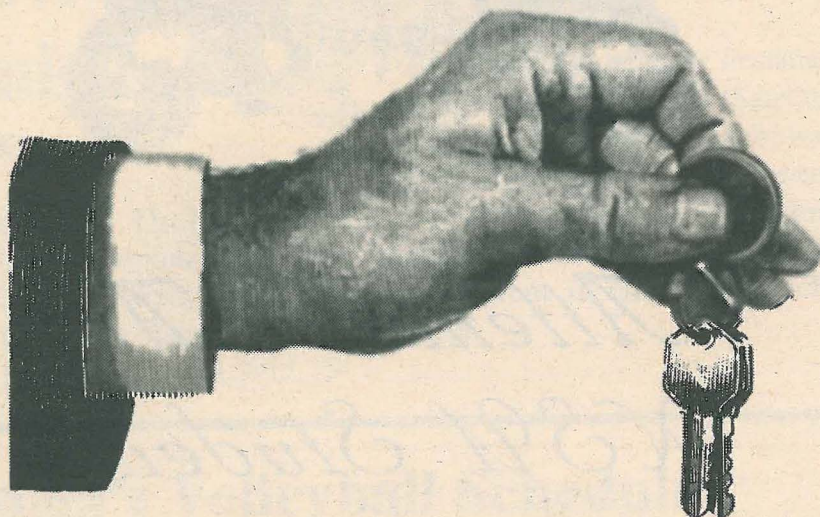
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always interested in contributing
writers. But if you have the time
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The Knight is looking for anyone who is interested in getting involved, but we are especially looking for individuals with previous experience.

*Contact Piper Griff at 262-8455 or email
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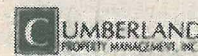


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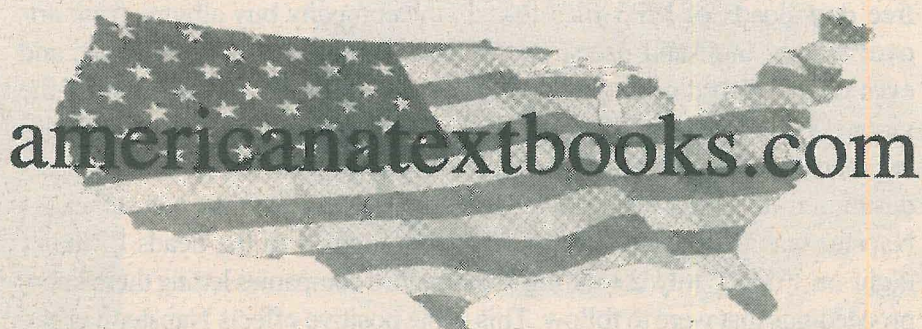
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Bless The Child, Only If You Have the Time

by Allison Piranio
Staff Writer

Kim Basinger's new movie, *Bless The Child* is being billed as a supernatural thriller. If people are seeing it on that premise, as this reviewer did, they may be quite disappointed. However, if the movie is looked at more as a dark spin on the classic "good vs. evil" plot, with the bonus of a cute kid, *Bless The Child* is not a total waste of time.

Basinger plays Maggie O'Connor, the straight-laced, responsible sister to Angela Bettis' strung out Jenna. Jenna abandons her daughter into Maggie's care for the first years of the child's life, and Maggie raises her. When the child is abducted amidst a spree of child murders that are plaguing New York City, the action begins. There is a lot of religious messages in

Bless The Child. The "God will triumph" message really is the cornerstone of this film.

Ultimately, after all the morbid images and destruction, the movie is uplifting. In particular, a scene where the child, played by adorable Holliston Coleman, lights a room full of prayer candles and weeps in front of the Virgin Mary is poignant, even to a non-Christian.

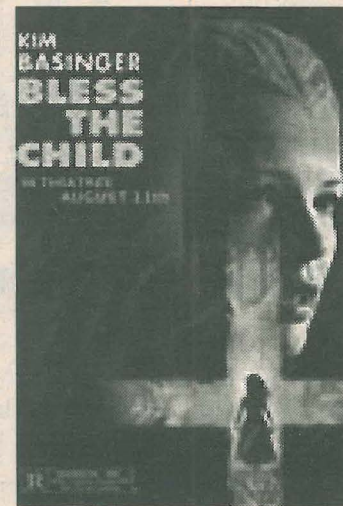
As the trailer for the film promises, the movie is full of evil imagery done through computer animation. The

effects are not quite realistic, but do a competent job of relaying the terror that the characters were supposed to be experiencing. Like the special effects, the actors are also not quite realistic, but barely competent. Basinger's Maggie is rather wooden and two-dimensional. This is not totally Basinger's fault-most of the characters were written this way, more as clichés than living, breathing people.



Also quite grating was lazy-eyed Rufus Sewell, who played, to liberally summarize, the epitome of all evil.

Sewell gives a nice menacing stare, but that is about it. Though Christina Ricci is given prominent billing, her performance is nothing but a brief cameo. She is reduced to a link that handily gives explanation of the situation and



gets the ball rolling again when the movie starts to drag. As the "Blessed Child," Coleman was the stand-out of the film.

All in all, don't expect to see the cast of *Bless The Child* holding their breath on Oscar night. The movie is a no-brainer. However, for a cheap scare, a cute kid, a quick lesson in faith from your friends in Hollywood and a way to kill a few hours, the film is worth checking out.

Napster vs. The Recording Industry

by Erica Diaz
Staff Writer

Unless you live under a rock, it has become nearly impossible to avoid the thorough media saturation about the ongoing Napster trial. For those of you who do happen to reside under a slab of granite, the synopsis is as follows: Napster allows free downloads of MP3 files to its over twenty thousand users. In the eyes of the recording industry, this violates copyright laws. The recording industry had won a small victory during a trial. Judge Patel ruled that Napster was to shut down by midnight on Friday, July 29 during the proceedings that were to follow. This had many users rushing frantically to download what they could while they could. Hank Barry and Shawn Fanning (the CEO and Founder respec-

tively) of Napster did appeal, however, and the judge's decision was stated. The Napster users rejoiced. This leaves users with perhaps another two to three months of uninterrupted downloads.

As a means of peaceful protest, Napster has organized a "boycott" as they have lovingly dubbed it. They are asking that supporters of the company buy albums from artists who also support Napster, and that you to let the manager of the store know that's what you are doing. They have also asked that users and supporters of the Napster cause write letters to the heads of major record companies letting them know the positive effects Napster has had on their artists and music, and that you are "loyal and active music fans."

Yes, South Florida DOES Have a Local Music Scene!

by Althea Mease
Staff Writer

Florida is an unusual place. Many of us come from somewhere else, and adjusting to a different way of life can be difficult. Whether someone thinks Florida is a good place or a bad place, a new home is always missing something, something that varies from person to person. For many, it is the local music scene. The local sounds of one's home and people are simply irreplaceable. However, South Florida has a local music scene as well. While nothing can replace home, Florida's music is different, and a change can be good. Even for someone whose home is in Florida, the local scene can be a refreshing change from the commercialized national music industry, and institutions such as MTV. Who needs Napster when the music is right next door?

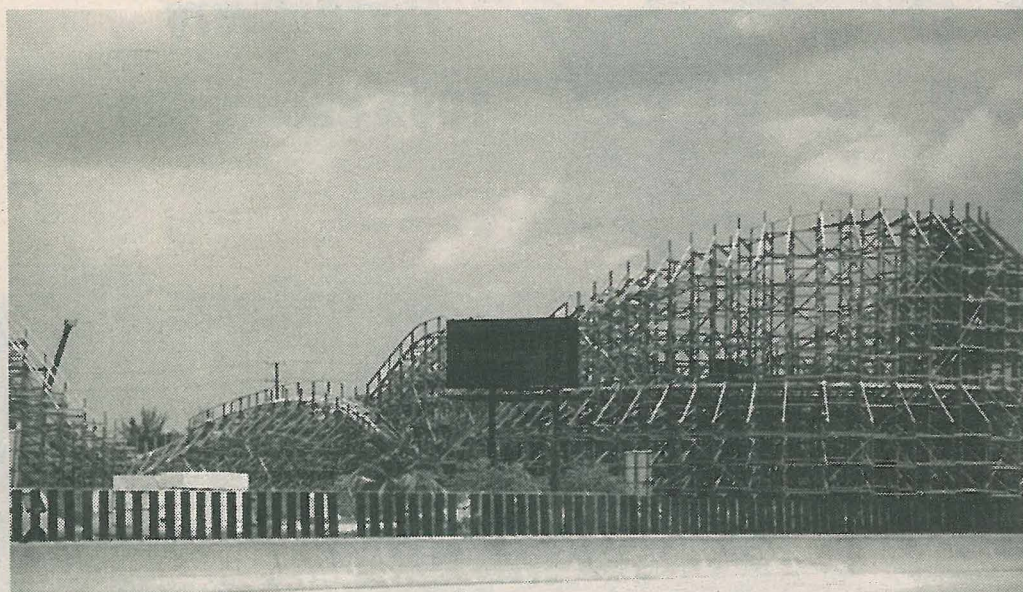
This year, The Knight Newspaper will feature local bands from South Florida to further acquaint readers with the thriving scene that is largely ignored. Each issue will feature a different local band, with exclusive photos, reviews, and interviews. NSU's Radio X plays local music and interviews local bands, and this feature will act as a supplement. The scene is expansive, and deserves more than one medium. Readers will be able to listen to all of the bands featured in The Knight by calling the Radio X request line (262-8460) during the Local Show, Thursday nights 8-9.

So, keep reading. Read about your favorite local musicians, learn about new bands you might like, and listen to them all on the radio. Also, if you know of a local band (or are a member of one) who would like to be featured, e-mail the author at measekitty@aol.com.

“Hurricane” in Dania Beach

by Althea Mease
Staff Writer

In July 2000 Dania Beach started construction on its own roller coaster. Finally, a major attraction for South Florida residents has arrived. Designed by a world-renowned wooden coaster designer, the “Dania Beach ‘Hurricane’” is one of only three wooden roller coasters in Florida. The new coaster is located right off of the I-95 in Dania beach, far more accessible than the Orlando roller coasters. The 100-foot tall wooden behemoth is one of the largest of its kind south of Atlanta. It features two trains, traveling at speeds up to 55 miles per hour. The immense project was developed by Jules Ross, of the Grand Prix Race-O-Rama, and Damaso Saavedra, a Fort Lauderdale attorney. According to Mr. Ross, the new coaster “enhances the amusement park by offering guests cutting-edge excitement right here in Dania Beach!” To see the new coaster as it is completed, as well as to find out more information, visit <http://www.xcoaster.com>.



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Press Release for Traveling Students

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"Not only are things going to be more crowded, but you're going to have fewer choices, there are going to be fewer services available and it will be a genuinely less-desirable experience," said Bill Maloney of the American Association of Travel Agents.

Some tips for dealing with this situation:

1. Use United's Web site to get updates on flight cancellations at www.united.com. Getting through on the telephone is almost impossible.

2. Check with your travel consultant to get their advice and ask them to issue paper tickets for any travel you have with United. Paper tickets are more easily accepted by other carriers if you have to change airlines.

3. UA will offer refunds, even on non-refundable tickets, to all affected passengers and may even offer refunds to anyone who wants to cancel their trip. Check with your travel consultant or UA for more details.

Fall Airfare Forecast - Strong demand will push up prices for travel this Fall especially for the business traveller. Look for increases of about 10-15% for business fares. Leisure travellers who buy 2-4 weeks and stay over Saturday night will see fares similar to those for Fall 1999. Look Out for much higher fares for travel during the holiday season, especially if demand stays strong.

Buying tickets early for travel during the busy Thanksgiving and

Christmas season is a must this year. In 1999, the number of complaints to the Transportation Department concerning the 10 major U.S. carriers more than doubled, ballooning to 13,709 from 5,808 in 1998. This increase occurred while the number of passengers on those carriers increased by about 16 million between 1998 and 1999 to 553.8 million, a growth of about 3 percent, the department said. Complaints could include such things as scheduling, overbooking, fares, baggage and service.



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What Do Entrance Exams Represent?

by **Peter Salerno**
Associate Editor

All Life Science majors who intend to graduate are required to take an eight-hour exam called the MCAT (Medical College Admissions Tests) in order to be considered for admissions into any medical school in this country. The exam is designed by the AAMC (American Association of Medical Colleges) who claim that it tests all the necessarily skills required for an entering first year medical student. The exam is said to test the four basic sciences (Physics, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Biology), as well as some components from other biological sciences such as anatomy, physiology, and genetics. The exam is timed-based and broken up into four separate sections, including a writing sample section. The AAMC claims that the exam should be quite "doable" for students who perform well in their undergraduate science courses and that extra help from commercially advertised companies (Kaplan & Princeton Review) probably will not raise test scores substantially.

Almost every medical school in this country believes that the MCAT serves its purpose in weeding out the students who did poorly in their sciences classes and who consequently do not belong in medical school. However, many medical school admission committees overlook an interesting fact about the types of students who take the MCAT. In various studies, it has been shown that non-science majors, in particular English majors, actually perform better than science majors do. The primary reason for this is that the MCAT is considered science-based only because the various "science" sections within the exam. The exam is not a true science test that an undergraduate

student would expect to see in his or her normally rigorous classes.

The exam is passage based, so all the information that is needed to answer the questions will almost always come from the passages. What makes MCAT "hard" is that you have to read and interpret the information at a speed uncommonly experienced in science tests. Since the exam is timed, each student has a little over one minute to answer each of the 219 questions throughout the course of the daylong exam.

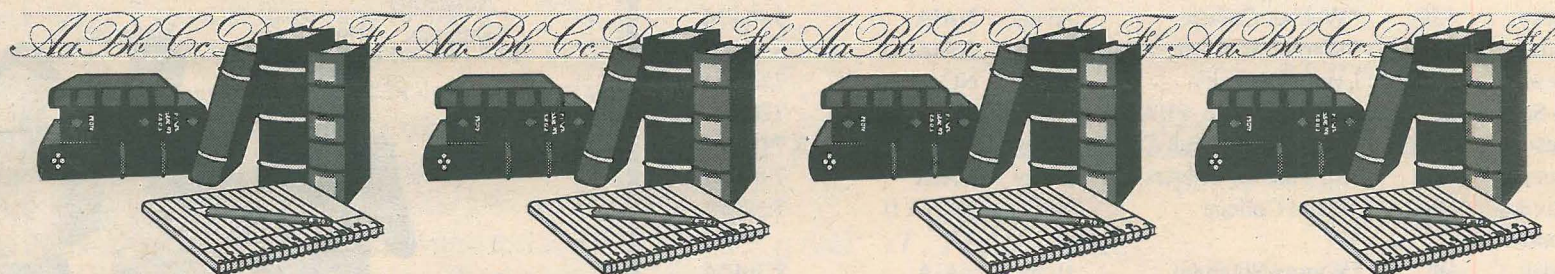
The question lies in the manner in which the test is designed. Does being able to read at some incredibly inhuman speed mean that one can be a doctor? The exam represents nothing of what kind of doctor one can potentially become regardless of their

composite MCAT score. So, does the MCAT score really represent the true capabilities of a potential medical student? Many people believe so and many people do not. The answer is also contingent upon different medical schools because each has its own admissions requirements.

The question of the relative importance of entrance exam scores is not restricted to medical school applicants. The LSAT (Legal Studies Admissions Test) is designed in a similar manner to the MCAT, except the nature of the questions is different. However, being able to read at an unbelievably fast pace is an invaluable component to achieving a high score on either exam. The LSAT verbal sections are actually harder than the MCAT verbal section because the LSAT requires the student

to make unorthodox decisions based on a small excerpt from a real-world situation that never seems to occur in the real world.

The only truth in understanding the reasoning behind entrance exams is that there aren't any real concrete reasons behind them. However, graduate schools do look poorly upon a potential candidate if his or her exam scores are below average. If an applicant is lucky enough to be considered for a graduate school position after receiving a below average entrance score, he or she must have an excellent GPA, otherwise the student will probably not be accepted. The question still exists: What does graduate school entrance exams truly illustrate, and do they really represent the true abilities of various applicants?



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Knights Upset in Semi-finals

Sports Release

Tampa, FL. – The Nova Southeastern University women's volleyball fell to Clarion University in the semi-finals of the St. Leo Showdown Tournament, 11-15, 15-13, 15-5, 3-15, 15-

12. The Knights entered elimination play as the number one seed, but couldn't put away a tenacious Clarion squad who eventually lost in the final to host St. Leo University.

Individually, Knights' freshman middle hitter Irene Girgis (Satellite Beach, FL, Satellite Beach High) was selected to the All-Tournament team.

The Knights' next match is Friday, September 1 at the Embry-Riddle Tournament in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Knights Cross-Country Roster 2000

Player	YR	HT	Hometown/Previous School
Alison Balkan	JR	5-7	Chino Hills, CA/ Ayala High, 1998
Becky Bible	SO	5-7	Chiefland, FL/ Chiefland High, 1999
Grace Hamilton	SO	5-3	Laud. Lakes, FL/ Boyd Anderson High, 1999
Erika Riddle	SO	5-5	Greenville, NC/ Junius Rose High, 1999
Jennifer Whitesel	JR	5-10	Naples, FL/ Barron Collier High, 1998
Tina Sears	SO		Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Melissa Smith	FR		Longwood, FL
Youstina Zachary	SO		West New York, NJ

Head Coach- Robyn Handler (1st season)

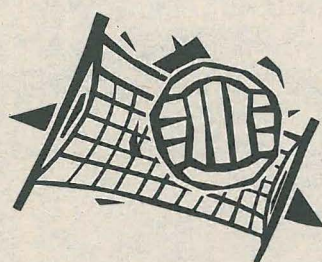
Cross Country Schedule 2000

Day	Date	Meet
September		
Friday	8th	University of Central Florida
Friday	15th	Florida International University
Saturday	23rd	Florida Southern College
October		
Friday	6th	FIU/University of Miami
Friday	13th	University of South Florida
Friday	20th	Stetson University
Saturday	28th	Conference at Warner Southern
November		
Saturday	18th	Nationals

Women's Volleyball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Division	Time
September					
Fri-Sat	1-2nd	Tournament-Embry Riddle	Away	NAIA	TBA
Wednesday	6th	Barry University	Away	NCAA II	7:30PM
Friday	8th	*Embry Riddle	Home	NAIA	7:00PM
Saturday	9th	*Flagler College	Home	NAIA	12:00PM
Tuesday	12th	*Palm Beach Atlantic	Away	NAIA	7:00PM
Friday	15th	*Webber College	Away	NAIA	5:00PM
Friday	15th	*Warner Southern	Away	NAIA	8:00PM
Tuesday	19th	Lynn University	Home	NCAA II	7:00PM
Fri-Sat	22-23rd	Sailfish Classic -PBA	Away	NAIA	TBA
Tuesday	26th	*Florida Memorial College	Away	NAIA	7:00PM
Thursday	28th	*St. Thomas University	Away	NAIA	7:00PM
Saturday	30th	Eckerd College	Home	NCAA II	7:30PM
October					
Friday	6th	*Warner Southern	Home	NAIA	8:30PM
Saturday	7th	*Webber College	Home	NAIA	12:00PM
Tuesday	10th	Lynn University	Away	NCAA II	7:00PM
Friday	13th	*Flagler College	Away	NAIA	7:00PM
Saturday	14th	*Embry Riddle	Away	NAIA	12:00PM
Tuesday	17th	*St. Thomas University	Home	NAIA	7:00PM
Friday	20th	*Florida Memorial College	Home	NAIA	7:00PM
Tuesday	24th	FIU	Home	NCAA I	7:00PM
Tuesday	31st	*Palm Beach Atlantic	Away	NAIA	7:00PM
November					
Fri-Sat	3-4th	Sun & Surf Invitational-PBA	Away	NAIA	TBA
Wednesday	8th	Florida International University	Away	NCAA I	7:00PM
Fri-Sat	17-18th	Regional Tournament	TBA		
Wed-Sat	29th-2-Dec	National Tournament-PBA	TBA		

* Florida Sun Conference games



Coaching Staff

Head Coach- Lori Rembe (2nd season)
Assistant Coach- Lisa Rembe (2nd season)

Knights' Volleyball Roster 2000

NO.	NAME	POS	CL	HT	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Caroline Predkiewicz	MB	SO	5-10	Tinley Park, IL/ Victor J. Andrew High, 1999
2	Angela Quintero	OH	FR	5-8	Sunrise, FL/ Nova High, 2000
3	Lindsey Metts	S	FR	5-6	Boca Raton, FL/ Spanish River High, 2000
4	Jennifer Rembe	OH	SO	5-10	Sioux City, IA/ Sergeant Bluff Lutton High, 1999
5	Kristen Flood	RB	SO	6-1	Pembroke Pines, FL/ Dade Christian School, 1999
7	Stacey Crockett	OH	FR	5-10	Melbourne, FL/ Satellite High, 2000
8	Casey Ferguson	S	SO	5-7	Loveland, OH/ Loveland High, 2000
9	Lee Ann Niesel	DS	SO	5-5	Plantation, FL/ St. Thomas Aquinas High, 2000
10	Carol Douglas	OH	JR	5-9	Miami, FL/ Westminster Christian, 1998
11	Kristin Fantozzi	OH	SR	5-9	Stuart, FL/ Martin County High, 2000
12	Amber Warren	DS	JR	5-5	Pembroke Pines, FL/ Hollywood Christian High, 1998
13	Stephanie Skidmore	MB	SR	5-11	Jensen Beach, FL/ Martin County High, 1998
18	Irene Girgis	MH	FR	6-0	Satellite Beach, FL/ Satellite Beach High, 2000
21	Lindsay Curtiss	OH	FR	5-9	Canal Point, FL/ Glades Day High, 2000

2000 Knights' Men's Soccer

NO.	NAME	POS.	CL	HT	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Ralph Giarnella	GK	SO	6-0	New Britain, CT/ New Britain High, 1999
1	Jeremy Flint	GK	SO	6-1	Fort Lauderdale, FL/ St. Thomas Aquinas High, 1999
2	Eduardo Ruiz	Def	SR	5-6	Caracas, Venezuela/ San Augustin High, 1997
3	Glenn Hollister	Def	FR	6-0	Durban, South Africa/ Westville High, 2000
4	Nick Binetti	Def	SO	5-8	Port Orange, FL/ Spruce Creek High, 1999
5	Adolfo Baquero	Mid	JR	6-1	Caracas, Venezuela/ El Angel High, 1995
6	Chael Soler	Def	JR	6-1	Weston, FL/ Western High, 1997
7	Arturo, Caballero	Mid	SO	5-11	Coral Springs, FL/ Douglas High, 1999
8	Carlos Cadena	Mid	SO	5-8	Coconut Creek, FL/ Coconut Creek High, 1999
9	Fred Guidotti	For	SO	6-0	Coral Springs, FL/ Taravella High, 1999
10	Teofilo Cubillas	Mid	SR	6-1	Coral Springs, FL/ Taravella High, 1996
11	Patrick Pillion	Mid	FR	5-10	Parma, Italy/ Liceo G. Marconi High, 2000
12	Rafael, Ferreiro	For	JR	6-0	Fort Lauderdale, FL/ Cardinal Gibbons High, 1998
14	Alberto Panero	Mid	FR	5-8	Hollywood, FL/ Flanagan High, 2000
15	Tony Louissant	Def	FR	6-0	Hollywood, FL/ Hallandale High, 2000
16	Patricio Gonzalez	Def	FR	5-11	Halandale, FL/ Hallandale High, 2000
17	Randy Desrocher	Def	JR	5-9	Plantation, FL/ Piper High, 1998
18	Osagie Yusuf	Mid	FR	5-10	Benin City, Nigeria/ Eghosa School, 2000
20	Richard Williams	Def	SR	6-1	Manchester, Jamaica/ Manchester High, 1995
22	Chris Cevallos	Def	FR	5-9	Davie, FL/ Western High, 2000



Coaching staff

Joe DePalo, Head Coach (2nd season)

Leo Vega, Assistant Coach (2nd season)

SUPPORT STAFF

Sports Information Director: Vicki Greenbaum

Trainers: Sarah Donner and Shane Levenson

Athletic Director: Corey Johnson

Men's Soccer Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Division	Time
September					
Wednesday	6th	*Webber College	Away	NAIA	4:00PM
Friday	8th	*Embry Riddle	Away	NAIA	7:30PM
Saturday	9th	*Flagler College	Away	NAIA	3:00PM
Tuesday	12th	*Palm Beach Atlantic	Home	NAIA	7:00PM
Wednesday	20th	*St. Thomas Univ.	Away	NAIA	4:00PM
Friday	22nd	*Flagler College	Home	NAIA	7:00PM
Saturday	23rd	West Florida	Home	NCAA II	3:00PM
Wednesday	27th	St. Leo College	Home	NCAA II	7:00PM
October					
Wednesday	4th	*Northwood Univ.	Home	NAIA	7:00PM
Friday	6th	Life University	Home	NAIA	3:00PM
Monday	9th	*Webber College	Home	NAIA	7:00PM
Saturday	14th	*Warner Southern	Away	NAIA	2:00PM
Wednesday	18th	*Palm Beach Atlantic	Away	NAIA	7:00PM
Saturday	21st	*Embry Riddle	Home	NAIA	7:00PM
Wednesday	25th	*St. Thomas Univ.	Home	NAIA	7:00PM
Friday	27th	*Warner Southern	Home	NAIA	7:00PM
Monday	30th	*Northwood Univ.	Away	NAIA	4:00PM
November					
Wednesday	1st	Lynn University	Home	NCAA II	7:00PM
Friday	10th	Regional Semifinal	TBA		
Saturday	11th	Regional Final	TBA		
TBA	TBA	National Championships	TBA		

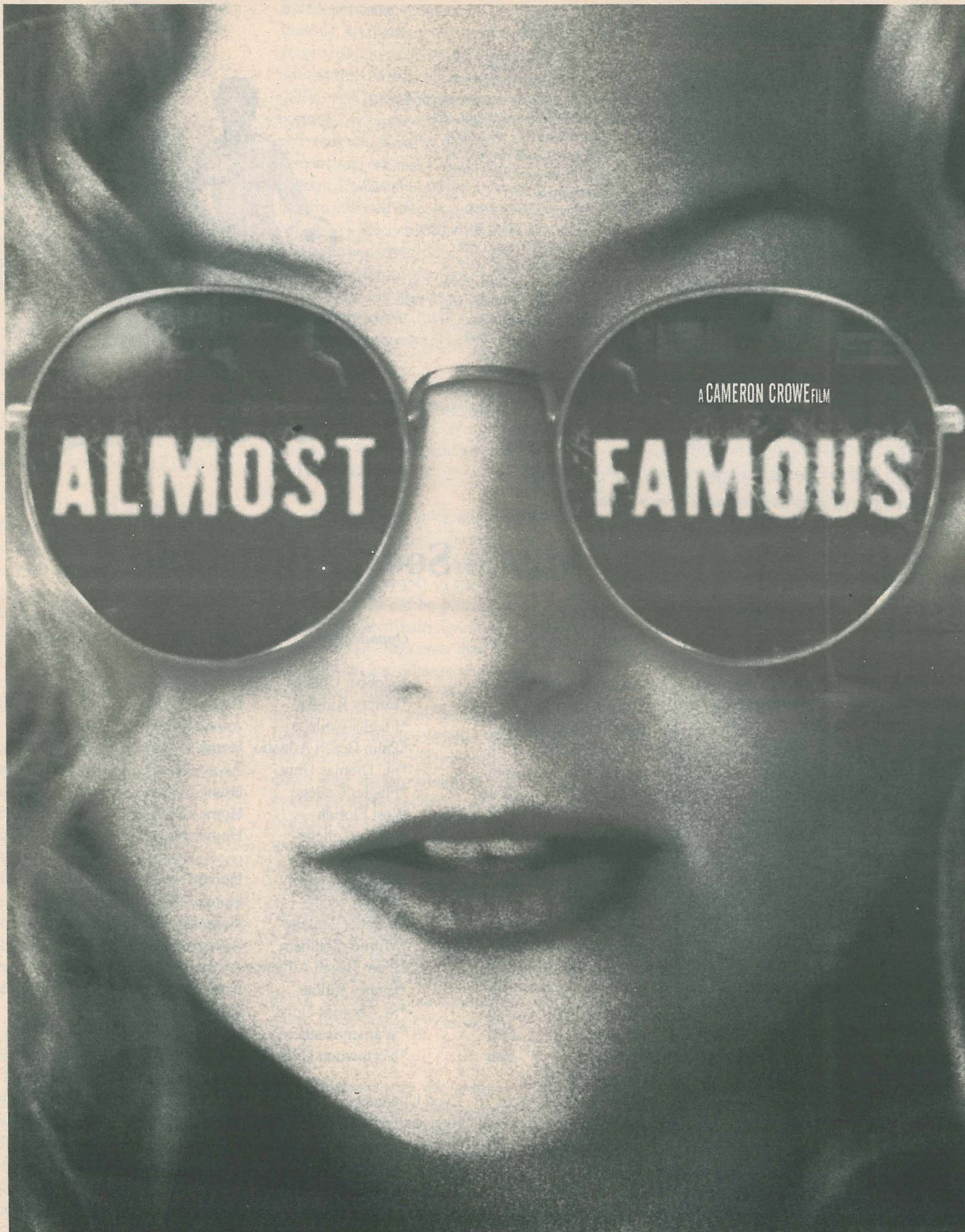
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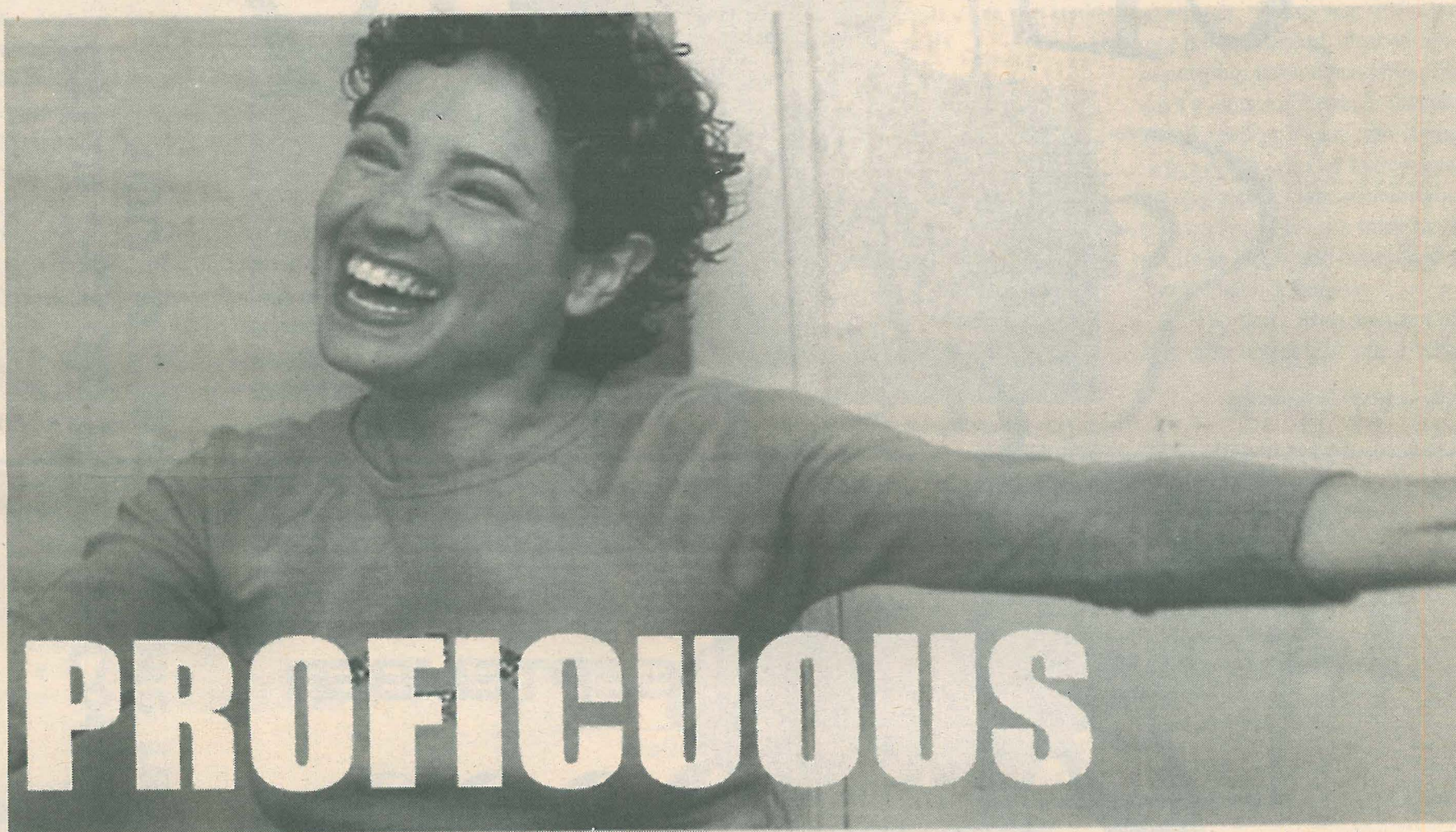
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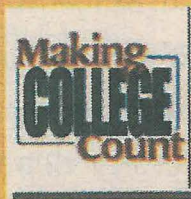
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